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ACRICULTURE MAKES PROCRESS IN 1949

During the first 6 months of 1949, kolknozes and sovkhozes received la times more tractors and trucks than in 1948, 74 percent more combines, and almost twice as many self-propelled combines. During 1949, kclkhozes, MTS, and sovkhozes were better prepared for harvesting operations than in 1948. Supplies of fuel for tractors and automobiles increased almost $1\frac{1}{2}$ times as compared with 1948. In addition, there has been an increase in the number of the following farm implements: mowing machines, by 22 percent; reapers, by 31 percent; complex threshing machines, 2.3 times more; simple threshing machines, by 36 percent.

In 1949, the sown area of the USSR exceeded last year's area by almost 6 million hectares. The sown area for spring wheat increased by 1.6 million hectares. Potato planting increased by 386,000 hectares, cotton by 185,000 hectares, long-fiber flar by 381,000 hectares, hemp by 94,000 hectares, and sumflowers by 280,000 hectares. The aree for annual and perennial grasses, fodder roots, and ensilage crops has also increased considerably.

State MTS of the USSR performed field work during the first 6 months of 1949 on an area of 16 million hectares more than during the same period of last year. Almost two thirds of spring plowing and almost three fourths of fallowing in 1949 was done by plows with colters.

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